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APPLICANTS: Keefe *et al.* CONFIRMATION NUMBER: 3229
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/729,581 EXAMINER: Mark Staples
FILING DATE: December 3, 2003 ART UNIT: 1637
FOR: METHOD FOR *IN VITRO* SELECTION OF 2'-SUBSTITUTED NUCLEIC ACIDS

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is an Amendment and Response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of December 12, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire March 12, 2009, and an extended period set to expire June 12, 2009. Applicants hereby petition the Office for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Action.

Applicants submit this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-544.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.